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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF ORANGE
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1997

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The Town of Orange

Dedicates

This annual report to the memory

of

Mary Frances Grace

and

Duncan Farr

SELECTMEN

Carol Decato'98*Geraldine Daniels'99*Charles Sova'00

MODERATOR	TOWN CLERK	TREASURER
Daniel Hazelton	Cindy Dorward	Linda Bateman

TAX COLLECTOR	DEEDING AGENT	ROAD AGENT
Sharon Proulx	Sharon Proulx	Garrett Decato

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Charles Sova

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE Selectmen

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS Judith Connelly

CEMETERY AGENT	HEALTH OFFICER	POLICE CHIEF
David Heath	Donald Pfaefflin	Andrew Ware

PLANNING BOARD

Fred Moore,Chairman*Fred Young*Joseph Cioffi
Daniel Hazelton*Ray Miller*Lyell Smith
Geraldine Daniels,Selectmens' Representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Donald Pfaefflin,Chairman*Wayne Knight
Beverly Ells*Donna Dias
Charles Sova,SelectmensRepresentative
Judith Connelly, Alternate

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Bruce Ells

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Elwin Grace Anita Watson Cliff Williamson

FOREST FIRE WARDEN Brent Stevens
Larry Belloir

DEPUTY WARDENS Daniel Hazelton Raymond Miller

AUDITORS Scott Sanborn Catherine Ells

BUILDING INSPECTOR Donald Pfaefflin

BUDGET COMMITTEE

John Bayliss Tim Connelly Lyell Smith

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OF ORANGE

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Wednesday, the 4th day of February 1998 at seven o'clock p.m. to discuss and debate Warrant articles 2 through 9, including the amendment of those articles as set forth below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED to meet again at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 10th day of March 1998 at eleven o'clock a.m. to vote on all articles in the Warrant from the First Session and also to choose Town Officers under article 1. The polls will open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m..

ARTICLE 1: To choose by ballot and plurality vote a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Cemetery Agent, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent, 1 Tax Collector, 1 Deeding Agent, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for one year and any other officers required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. RSA 80:52-a.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of $23,380.00 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class V highways and for the purchase of equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town having voted to establish the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund will raise and appropriate $5,000 to be paid into said capital reserve fund.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the operating budget for the Town for the fiscal year 1998. The question to be voted on by Official Ballot as required by RSA 40:13, XI, is as follows:

"Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling $118,700?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $120,511 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body (the Board of Selectman) may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XIV to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

ARTICLE 8: We the following signers appreciate the great effort from all our Town Officers in the past years. We understand there has not been a salary increase in 10 years and we feel it is time for an adjustment. This petition requests a Warrant Article for the upcoming Town Warrant Hearings and a request that the following salaries for Elected Officials be considered as follows:

Selectmen	$1,300.00/yr.
Town Clerk	$700.00/yr.
Tax Collector	$800.00/yr.
Treasurer	$800.00/yr.
Moderator	$25.00/meeting
Checklist Supervisor	$25.00/meeting
Auditor	$60.00/yr.
Budget Committee	$60.00/yr.
Cemetery Agent	$9.00/hr.
Road Agent	$11.00/hr.

(SUBMITTED BY PETITION)

ARTICLE 9: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS TWENTY FIRST DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY EIGHT.

Carol E. Decato

Geraldine Daniels

Charles E. Sova

ORANGE TOWN BUDGET
PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION

	Appropriation 1997	Expenditure 1997	Appropriation 1998
General Government			
Officers Salaries	$7,200	$5,496	$6,500
Elections & Registration	1,000	629	1,200
Abatements	0	4,513	3,000
Property Reappraisal	2,000	280	1,500
Legal Expenses	1,000	752	1,000
FICA Payments	1,400	1,148	1,200
Planning and Zoning	300	268	300
General Gov't Bldings	5,000	4,021	3,500
Cemeteries	1,500	634	1,200
Insurance	7,000	4,771	5,000
Membership	1,200	1,155	1,200
Officers Expenses	3,000	1,865	2,000
Public Safety			
Police Department	6,000	12,701	7,500
FAST Squad (Canaan)	2,000	2,000	2,500
Fire Department	6,898	6,898	17,350
Building Inspection	150	378	200
Emergency Mgmt. E911	1,000	572	400
Highway & Streets			
Highway	45,000	50,810	45,000
Sanitation			
Garbage Removal	13,000	12,770	13,000
Recycling	2,000	1,250	2,000
Health			
Animal Control	50	0	0
Grafton County Senior Citizens & Mascoma Home Health	1,250	1,297	1,300
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	1,500	0	1,500

	Approp-riation 1997	Expendi-ture 1997	Approp-riation 1998
Culture and Recreation			
Town Socials	50	64	100
Patriotic Purposes	50	53	50
Capital Outlay			
Town Hall Safety	500	87	0
Town Hall Fire	250	25	200
Totals	110,298	114,437	118,700

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimate 1997	Actual 1997	Estimate 1998
Taxes			
Land use change tax	0	1,500	0
Resident Taxes	1,400	1,610	1,400
Yield taxes	9,000	9,273	9,000
Int. & Pen. on Delinquent taxes	2,000	1,385	1,500
Inventory Penalties	100	0	100
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
UCC	50	0	0
Motor vehicle permit fees	22,500	26,081	25,000
Building Permits	100	300	150
Other licenses, permits & fees	500	431	500
From State			
Shared Revenue	4,750	4,813	4,800
Rooms & Meals Tax Dist.	1,500	2,716	2,500
Highway Block Grant	21,635	22,340	23,380
State & Fed. Forest Land Reimb	4,000	5,466	4,750
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Sale of Municipal Property	0	134	0
Interest on investments	3,000	4,233	4,000

	Estimate 1997	Actual 1997	Estimate 1998
From Capital Reserve			
Tuttle Hill Road Bridge	4,500	4,500	0
Total Revenue & Credits	75,035	84,782	77,080

SUMMARY OF VALUATION
As of December 31, 1997

Land	$10,904,921
Buildings-Residential	9,652,190
Public Utilities	374,122
	20,931,233

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
for the year ending December 31, 1997

Motor Vehicle Registrations	$26,081.00
Titles	100.00
Municipal Agent Fees	424.50
(Issuance of Decals and plates)	
Dog Licenses - 53	374.50
Town Filing Fees(elections)	7.00
Marriage Application	40.00
TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997	$27,027.00

VITAL STATISTICS
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

BIRTHS:

March 31, 1997-Lebanon-Alaina Marilyn Shelzi to Mary Ellen Shelzi and Louis Anthony Shelzi, Jr.

October 31, 1997-Lebanon- Daisy Marie Haley to Cindy Lou Haley and Christopher Scott Haley

November 7, 1997-Lebanon- Mitchell Alexander Kelly to Christine Ann Kelly and Walter John Kelly

MARRIAGES:

July 12, 1997-Marina Casas Montales of Orange, NH to Christopher George LeCain in Grafton, NH

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
As of December 31, 1997

Town Hall & Land	77,400.00
Other Town Properties	
Land	73,700.00
Land CU	37,437.00
Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Library - Books and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Highway Department	40,000.00
Cemetery Department	1,500.00
TOTAL	244,037.00
Number of Inventories Distributed 1997	203
Appropriations Expended:	
Town	$114,437
School	259,521
County	18,338
Other:	
Taxes bought by Town	3,127
GRAND TOTAL	$395,423
Tax Rate Per	$1,000.00
Municipal	$0.96
County	$1.09
School	$17.19
TOTAL	$19.24

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICER SALARIES

Katherine Ells	$50.00
Scott Sanborn	$50.00
Timothy Connelly	$50.00
Lyle Smith	$50.00
John Bayliss	$50.00
Daniel Hazelton	$60.00
Judith Connelly	$100.00
Sharon Proulx	$286.00
Cindy Dorward	$550.00
Sharon Proulx	$625.00
Linda Bateman	$625.00
Carol Decato	$1,000.00
Geraldine Daniels	$1,000.00
Charles Sova	$1,000.00
Total	$5,496.00

TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES

C. Elliott, Reg. Deeds	$109.60
Canaan Postmaster	$131.20
Carol Decato	$25.99
Charles Sova	$316.85
Cindy Dorward	$56.10
Country Chronicle	$24.00
CPI	$142.89
DATOWN	$98.96
Geraldine Daniels	$109.99
McBee	$48.86
Messenger	$175.00
Michie	$72.14
Nancy Pike	$29.90
Nat'l Mkt Reports	$99.00
NH Dept of Agr	$111.50
NH Health Assn	$30.00
NH Tax Collectors	$15.00
Sharon Proulx	$42.92
Staples	$24.44
Town Clerks Assn	$20.00
Town Hall Press	$40.64
Treasurer, NH	$94.00

US Postal Service		$73.20
Valley News		$7.28
	Total	$1,899.46

PLANNING AND ZONING

Fred Moore		$26.04
UVLSRPC		$38.00
Fred Young		$84.12
NHMA		$120.00
	Total	$268.16

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

All Star Gas		$757.96
Bell Atlantic		$104.12
City of Lebanon		$25.00
Green Water Wells		$87.26
Johnson & Dix		$656.94
NHEC		$443.80
NYNEX		$259.62
Tasco Security		$60.00
Telco		$38.18
	Total	$2,432.88

MEMBERSHIP

NHMA		$500.00
UVLSRPC		$220.00
	Total	$720.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

UV Humane Society		$35.00
Andrew Ware		$12,665.87
	Total	$12,700.87

HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

Bergeron's Svc. Ctr.		$1,619.97
Blaktop		$354.20
Brownie's		$12.52
Canaan Hardware		$47.01
Evans Expressmart		$707.86
Garrett Decato		$2,410.00
Gleason Decato		$1,570.00
Jeff Schwarz		$65.00
NH Treasurer		$36.00
Paul Schwarz		$150.00
R. Remacle		$42,052.68

Randy Whitcher		$1,050.00
Shaker Valley		$232.34
Steve Bennett		$160.00
Twin St. Snd& Grvl		$207.34
Walter Buckwold		$135.00
	Total	$50,809.92

CEMETERY

Don's Sport & Power		$29.00
Bannerman Sign		$52.50
David Heath		$604.50
	Total	$686.00

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE

Valley News		$10.99
Bruce Ells		$60.00
Beverly Ells		$40.00
Gary Hamel		$20.00
Ada Eastman		$20.00
Carol Decato		$40.00
Dan Hazelton		$60.00
Nancy Pike		$60.00
Geri Daniels		$60.00
Charles Sova		$60.00
Town of Enfield		$77.00
Messenger		$91.00
	Total	$598.99

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NH Health Officers Assn.		$10.00
Donald Pfaefflin		$187.15
Grafton Cty. Sen. Cit.		$435.00
Visiting Nurse		$1,100.00
Canaan FAST, Inc.		$2,000.00
	Total	$3,732.15

INSURANCE & SOCIAL SECURITY

Comp Funds of NH		$1,861.21
NHMA Prop-Liability		$2,910.00
IRS		$1,148.18
	Total	$5,919.39

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Town of Canaan		$6,898.13
	Total	$6,898.13

LEGAL

Gardner & Fulton		$752.30
	Total	$752.30

SANITATION

Mansur & Sons		$11,691.17
NE Waste Services		$744.96
Town of Canaan		$1,250.00
Town of Grafton		$330.00
	Total	$14,016.13

RECREATION AND CULTURE

Marilyn Johnson		$14.25
Gary Hamel		$50.00
	Total	$64.25

PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS

MVRSD	$259,520.78
Grafton County	$18,337.77
	$277,858.55

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL
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Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. works through its local programs to support the health and well being of our older citizens and to assist them to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Through eight locations throughout the County, including Plymouth, Bristol, Canaan, Lebanon, Orford, Haverhill, Littleton and Lincoln, older adults and their families are able to obtain community based long term services such as home delivered meals, senior dining room programs, transportation, social work services, information and referral, health and educational programs, adult day care, recreation and opportunities to be of service to the community through volunteering.

During 1997, 7 older residents of Orange were able to make use of one or more of GCSCC's services, offered through the Mascoma Area Senior Center. These individuals enjoyed 292 balanced meals in the company of friends in a senior dining room, received 138 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers, were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 71 occasions by our lift-equipped buses, were helped through 43 visits by a trained social worker. The cost to provide these services for Orange residents in 1997 was $3,152.00.

Community based services provided by GCSCC and its many volunteers for older residents of Orange were often important to their efforts to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care despite chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars and contributing to the quality of life of our older friends and neighbors.

GCSCC very much appreciates the support of the Orange community for services which enhance the independence and dignity of our older citizens and assists them to meet the challenges of aging in place.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Orange
October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997
During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 7 Orange residents (out of 54 residents over 60, 1990 Census).

Services	Type	Units	x Cost=	$ of Services
Congregate/Home Delivered	Meals	430	$4.90	$2,107.00
Transportation	Trips	71	$7.01	$497.71
Adult Day Service	Hrs	0	$3.11	$0.00
Social Services	Half Hrs	43	$12.75	$548.25

Number of Orange Volunteers: 4. Number of Volunteer Hours: 202.

GCSCC cost to provide services for Orange residents only $3,152.96
Request for Senior Services for 1997 $435.00
Received from Town of Orange for 1997 $435.00
Request for Senior Services for 1998 $450.00

NOTES:
1. Unit cost from Audit Report for October 1, 1996 to September 30, 1997.
2. Services were funded by: Federal and State Programs 51%, Municipalities, Grants & Contracts, County and United Way 14%, Contributions 12%, In Kind donations 20%, Other 1%, Friends of GCSCC 2%

COMPARATIVE INFORMATION
From Audited Financial Statement for GCSCC Fiscal Years 1996/1997
October 1 - September 30

UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED

	FY 1997	FY 1996
Dining Room Meals	67,025	65,473
Home Delivered Meals	109,253	102,677
Transportation(Trips)	37,696	38,976
Adult Day Services(Hours)	12,910	11,015
Social Services(1/2 Hours)	9,073	9,541

UNITS OF SERVICE COST

	FY 1997	FY 1996
Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	$4.90	$4.91
Transportation(Trips)	7.01	6.47
Adult Day Services	3.11	3.69
Social Services	12.75	12.29

For all units based on Audit Report, October 1,1996 to September 30, 1997

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

By
Raymond S. Burton
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District One
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It is a pleasure to report to the people of District One, which consists of 98 towns and four cities here in northern New Hampshire. The Council acts much like a board of directors at the very top of your Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State Government. We confirm gubernatorial nominations to many regulatory, advisory and governing boards and commissions within the Executive Branch of your government. We also confirm gubernatorial nominations to the entire Judicial Branch of New Hampshire State Government, approve contracts to outside agencies, businesses, municipalities and individuals and a host of other duties.

A good list of phone numbers for citizens to gain information throughout this district to have on hand would be the following:

Aids Hotline	**1-800-752-AIDS**
Children, Youth & Families	**1-800-852-3345**
Consumer Complaints, Utilities	**1-800-852-3793**
Consumer Complaints, Insurance	**1-800-852-3416**
Disabilities Assistance	**1-800-852-3345**
Elderly & Adult Assistance	**1-800-442-5640**
Fuel Assistance	**1-800-552-4617**

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

1997

SUPPLEMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/97	
Cash on Hand	$208,307.07
RECEIVED FROM TOWN CLERK	
Motor vehicle permits	26,081.00
Titles	100.00
Municipal agent fee	424.50
Dog Licenses	374.50
Marriage Application	40.00
Town Filing Fees (elections)	7.00
TOTAL:	**$27,027.00**
RECEIVED FROM SELECTMEN:	
Building Permits	270.00
Pistol Permits	10.00
Driveway Permits	30.00
Zoning Permit	7.00
Subdivision & Zoning Reg Booklet	15.00
Current Use Application	39.00
Intent to Cut Bond	2,000.00
Quit Claim Deed & Lawyers Fees	134.22
Comp Funds NH Reimbursement	1,832.45
Reimbursement from 3/15 MVRHS meeting	40.00
NHMA Property-Liability Ins. Reimb.	2,397.45
Upper Valley Waste Mgmt Reimbursement	42.84
NH Unemployment Refund	.80
FEMA-Highway Reimb. Final Payment	1,978.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Highway Block Grant	22,340.29
Revenue Sharing	4,812.57
Rooms/Meals Tax	2,716.23
Forest Land Reimbursement-Federal	5,465.56
TOTAL:	**44,131.41**

RECEIVED FROM BANKS:	
Interest on checking	65.63
Interest on Money Market Account	4,170.01
TOTAL:	**4,235.64**
RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR	
1994	
Tax Liens Redeemed	1,184.38
Interest & Costs	496.08
Resident Tax	10.00
Resident Tax Penalty	1.00
1995	
Tax Liens Redeemed	464.22
Interest & Costs	101.66
Resident Tax	10.00
Resident Tax Penalty	1.00
1996	
Property Tax	30,587.06
Property Tax Interest	1,361.51
Yield Tax	993.47
Yield Tax Interest	174.88
Costs	298.00
Tax Liens Redeemed	163.34
Interest & Costs	35.32
Resident Tax	230.00
Resident Tax Penalty	19.00
1997	
Property Tax	248,715.40
Yield Tax	8,056.64
Yield Tax Interest	47.56
Resident Tax	1,350.00
Resident Tax Penalty	2.00
Current Use Change Cost	1,500.00
1998	
Resident Tax Pre-pay	10.00
TOTAL:	**295,812.52**
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR 1997	**$371,207.07**

PAYMENTS

Paid on Orders of Selectmen	392,461.71
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**$392,461.71**

TREASURER'S ADJUSTMENTS

Bank fee for Deposit Tickets	-14.38
Deposit Correction	.50
TOTAL:	**-13.88**

CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1997

Checking Account	394.28
Money Market Account	186,205.44
IRS Payment made in 97 / should be 98	438.33
TOTAL	**$187,038.05**

1996 TAX ANTICIPATION LOAN	120,000.00
Amount Borrowed	.00
Interest Paid	.00
Interest Earned	4,235.64

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LINDA J BATEMAN, TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1997

DEBITS:

	1996	1995	1994
Uncollected Taxes- Beg. of Year:			
Property Taxes	30,687.06	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	360.00	70.00	10.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	993.47	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Taxes Committed- This Year:			
Property Taxes	284,885.12	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	1,720.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	8,345.70	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	.70	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Costs	0.00	298.00	0.00
Interest Collected On Delinquent Taxes	47.56	1,536.39	0.00
Collected Resident Tax Penalties	2.00	19.00	1.00
TOTAL DEBITS	$296,501.08	$33,893.92	$71.00

Note1: $1.00 of Collected Resident Tax Penalties in 1994 for a 1994 total of $11.00.

Note2: $10.00 of Prepayment of 1998 Resident Taxes collected.

CREDITS:

Remitted to Treasurer	1997	1996	1995
Property Taxes	248,715.40	30,587.06	0.00
Resident Taxes	1,350.00	230.00	0.00
Land Use Change	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	8,056.64	993.47	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	47.56	1,536.39	0.00
Penalties	2.00	19.00	1.00
Property Tax Costs	0.00	298.00	0.00
Discounts allowed:	7,183.83	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made			
Property Taxes	0.00	100.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	70.00	120.00	60.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Tax Prepaid in 1996	10.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes-End of Year			
Property Taxes	28,986.59	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	290.00	10.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	289.06	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$296,501.08	$33,893.92	$71.00

Note3: $1.00 of Collected Resident Tax Penalties in 1994 for a 1994 total of $11.00.

Note4: $10.00 of Prepayment of 1998 Resident Taxes collected.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

DEBITS:

LEVIES OF	1996	1995	1994
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	0.00	$1,143.41	$1,184.38
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$1,549.18	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	35.32	101.66	496.08
TOTAL DEBITS	$1,584.50	$1,245.07	$1,680.46
Remitted to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$163.34	$464.22	$1,184.38
Interest & Costs Collected	35.32	101.66	496.08
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	1,385.84	679.19	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	$1,584.50	$1,245.07	$1,680.46

Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS FOR 1997 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Date Created	FUND	Balance 1/1/97	12/31/97
8 23 15	Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00
5 2 17	Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00
3 28 33	Arthur A. Briggs	100.00	100.00
3 27 34	Clara A. Huse	100.00	100.00
8 9 34	Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	250.00	250.00
3 13 56	Lyman Batchelder	100.00	100.00
TOTALS		**1,800.00**	**1,800.00**

INCOME Interest 5.00%

8 23 15	Hannah M. French	460.97	497.64
5 2 17	Jennie M. French	723.23	774.46
3 28 33	Arthur A. Briggs	205.06	221.98
3 27 34	Clara A. Huse	173.17	188.32
8 9 34	Asa Hoyt	183.65	199.38
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	544.10	588.16
3 13 56	Abbie Fellows	679.78	731.37
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	704.07	757.01
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	754.52	810.26
3 13 56	Lyman Batchelder	182.02	197.66
TOTALS		**4,610.57**	**4,966.24**

REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS FOR 1997 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

8 23 15	Hannah M. French	697.64
5 2 17	Jennie M. French	974.46
3 28 33	Arthur A. Briggs	321.98
3 27 34	Clara A. Huse	288.32
8 9 34	Asa Hoyt	299.38
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	838.16
3 13 56	Abbie Fellows	981.37
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	1007.01
3 13 56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	1,060.26
3 13 56	Lyman Batchelder	297.66
TOTALS		**6,766.24**

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE FOR 1997

TUTTLE HILL ROAD BRIDGE FUND CHANGED TO HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUCK FUND BY SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE Mascoma Savings Bank CDs

Date Created	Account	Balance 1/1/97	12/31/97
4 /10 /89	386008987	4,418.12	4,660.47
TOTALS		**4,418.42**	**4,660.47**

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to $2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire and timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, and law enforcement. The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the early summer months was a significant factor resulting in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1997 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1997)

Fires Reported by County		Causes of Fires Reported	
Belknap	58	Smoking	54
Carroll	96	Debris Burning	261
Cheshire	63	Campfire	99
Coos	29	Power Line	33
Grafton	51	Railroad	3
Hillsborough	145	Equipment use	23
Merrimack	148	Lightning	14
Rockingham	54	Children	60
Strafford	63	OHRV	0
Sullivan	19	Miscellaneous	130
TOTAL FIRES	726	Incendiary	33
TOTAL ACRES	177.17	Fireworks	16

Douglas C. Miner
Forest Ranger

Brent L. Stevens
Forest Fire Warden

MARY RICKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

In 1993, a scholarship fund for graduating seniors was started in honor of Mary Rickson, a long time resident of Orange. Mary is the originator of our annual Christmas party, and generously made Santa's gifts for children and adults. Even though she is no longer residing in Orange, she continues to send gifts for our Christmas parties because she feels her home is here. In the spirit of Mary's dedication and love to the children and the Town of Orange, a scholarship in her name seemed appropriate.

We offer a scholarship to every graduating senior from the Town of Orange who plans to further his/her education. The interested senior is asked to write a short essay about our town - past, present or future - and to serve two hours of community service. To date we have awarded three scholarships.

To raise money for scholarships, we have had bake sales and white elephant flea markets. We are looking for community support in the form of donations, fund raising ideas, and help. We welcome new ideas and participants to keep the fund growing.

Thank you to all who helped in any capacity. We could not have done this without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Eastman Anita Watson
Barb Smith Marilyn Johnson

January 31,1998

Emergency Assistance	**911**
Employment Opportunities	**1-800-852-3400**
Job Training Information	**1-800-772-7001**
NH State Library	**1-800-499-1232**
NH State Police	**1-800-525-5555**
NH Tech. Community Colleges	**1-800-247-3420**
NH Help Line (24 hour)	**1-800-852-3388**
NH Operation Game Thief	**1-800-344-4262**
NH Veterans Council	**1-800-622-9230**
NH Corrections Dept.	**1-800-479-0688**
NH Dept. of Labor	**1-800-272-4353**
NH Housing Authority	**1-800-439-7247**
NH Higher Education Ass't	**1-800-525-2577**
Headrest Teenline	**1-800-826-3700**
NH Independent Living Found.	**1-800-826-3700**
NH Charitable Foundation	**1-800-464-6641**

It is my pleasure to serve you as one of your public servants. My office is at your service.

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE VERMONT & NEW HAMPSHIRE

Over the past year, Mascoma Home Health Services Branch nurses; occupational, physical, and speech therapists; home health aides; and social workers-in collaboration with attending physicians-made 385 medically necessary home care and hospice visits to Town of Orange residents of all ages and all economic means. Hospice and Special Care Programs brought an interdisciplinary team together to manage the symptoms of life limiting illness, improve comfort, and provide support to patients and their families in the final stages of life and their families. Our Homemaker and Personal Care Service Program provided additional home care services within your community.

With major changes occurring in health care, there is increased pressure to reduce both the number of hospital stays and occupancy of nursing home beds. Thus, it makes good economic sense that such services will continue to shift toward home care and other community settings. This creates an opportunity for towns and Mascoma Home Health Services Branch to work together in 1998. While the majority of services currently are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance, town funds play a vital role in helping to support medically necessary care for residents with no health insurance or inadequate insurance as well as those without the ability to pay for services.

The total cost of service for residents of the Town of Orange in the past year was approximately $17,903. While we have concerns about Federal and State funding, we ask the Town for funding of $1,100 to support both home care($1,000) and Hospice services($100). We will continue to seek other funds to help offset our non-reimbursed costs.

Many thanks for your past support and consideration. I would be pleased to meet with you and the Selectmen to discuss the role of the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch in helping to promote health care needs in the Town of Orange. Our 1996 Annual Report and a detailed report of services are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth J. Davis RN, MPH, Chief Executive Director

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF ORANGE

We are very grateful for the continued support Orange provides to help VNA meet the home care and hospice needs of its community members. Here are some crucial points to consider regarding the importance of funding VNA programs in your town.

-VNA services are available to persons of all ages and economic means.

-Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with VNA to decide a course of treatment for each home health patient.

-Our VNA staff from the Mascoma Home Health Services Branch provides skilled services for people who are recovering from surgery, have an acute illness, or disability; require long term care; need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

-Town funds help provide care for people who do not have adequate insurance or the ability to pay.

Changes in health care systems nationally are placing the very heart of patient care responsibility in the hands of home care agencies. VNA is pleased to help ensure a health care safety net for the people of Orange.

The following services were provided in the Town of Orange during the past year.

	Visits 7/1/96-6/30/97	Family Support Services
Nursing	120	Families-2;Individuals-5
Physical Therapy	50	
Home Health Aide	215	Women Infant Children
	385	Clients-5;Clinic visits-53

On behalf of the patients and families we serve, thank you for continuing support.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Annual Report 1997

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a voluntary association of 31 towns. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource and informational agency and, when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as household hazardous waste collections and the Lake Sunapee and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Studies, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

Our economic development program for communities in Grafton County has certainly grown this year! The program is fully staffed and funded for two years. In order to qualify for certain State funds, it was necessary to create a new organization, the Economic Development Corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV). Governed by its own board, EDCUV contracts with UVLSRPC for staff and office space. EDCUV offers community development services, individualized business

assistance, and a revolving loan fund, with financing available to businesses in the $15,000 to $50,000 range. It has been exciting getting EDCUV up and running. This would not have been possible without your support and the dedicated work of our Economic Development Coordinators. Please give us a call to find out how EDCUV can assist your community development needs or specific business requests. Our commission looks forward to a long and productive partnership with EDCUV.

Thanks are also due to both the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures for their continued support. In New Hampshire, the Department of Environmental Services and the regional planning commissions are putting together a statewide environmental program which will require that certain specific tasks be completed in every region, but also allow some funds to be used on regional environmental priorities. Details are still being worked out. A work plan will be finalized in early 1998. This is great news! It enables our commission to continue our commitment to environmental programs.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training, and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. Orange residents, staff and board members have taken advantage of some of these services. A complete list of services which benefit our members is attached.

In 1997, our work specifically for the Town of Orange included:

* Developed capacity grant application to create a revolving fund in lower Grafton County.
* Provided copy of telecommunication ordinance.
* Organized a regional household hazardous waste collection and arranged for participation of Orange residents.
* Provided sample community attitude surveys from UVLSRPC communities.
* Attended Planning Board meeting to discuss updating the 1984 Master Plan, the Economic Development corporation of the Upper Valley and transportation enhancements.
* Created anew regional economic development corporation, Economic Development corporation of the Upper Valley (EDCUV), to assist the town and local businesses.
* Kept the town updated on potential grant funding sources.
* Began update of two-page economic initiative summary to be made available on the Internet and in brochure form.
* Maintained geographic information system data for Orange.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Orange in the coming year.

(A copy of the list of USVLSPRC services is available in the selectmen's office.)

ORANGE TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 1997

Moderator, Daniel Hazelton opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He explained the rules of the meeting and how the first session would be handled.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% on taxes paid in full within thirty days from the date of the bills with the stipulation that the discount becomes forfeited if it is not deducted by the payer at the time the payment is made. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) No discussion was held. Voted by voice vote to keep wording of article as is.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. RSA 80:52-a. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) No discussion was held. Voted by voice to keep wording of article as is.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) Voted by voice to keep wording of article as is.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of $21,634.57 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class V highways and for the purchase of equipment. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) Mr. Proulx asked if there was a winter/summer breakdown of costs of maintaining the roads as had been requested at last years meeting. Selectman Sova stated it was not in the Town Report however he did have a copy of the breakdown with him. Selectmen Daniels stated she would run enough copies for everyone. Motion made to pass over until everyone had a chance to look at the breakdown. Motion to pass over was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will discontinue the Tuttle Hill Road Bridge Fund and to direct the Trustee of Trust Funds to pay the balance in said fund to the Town, as provided in RSA 35:16-a. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) Mr. Giner asked what the balance of the fund was. Selectman Sova stated it was approximately $4500. He stated that they had been advised to close out this fund and as they will see in the next Article, to open a new fund. Motion made to accept the article. Voted by voice vote to keep wording of article as is.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new capital reserve fund for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment, to be known as the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to appropriate $4,500 to be paid into said capital reserve fund. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)Mr. Proulx made a motion to pass over until later. Motion seconded. Voted by voice vote to pass over until later.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the operating budget for the Town for the fiscal year 1997. The question to be voted on by Official Ballot as required by RSA 40:13, XI, is as follows: "Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant, for the purposes set forth herein, totaling $107,898? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $100,183 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body (the Board of Selectman) may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XIV to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only." (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)
Mr. Moore made a motion to pass over until they were able to see the highway report. Motion was seconded and voted on and passed over by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to dispose of any right, title and interest that it may have in land located between route 4 and the former railroad tracks and to authorize the Selectmen to deed said interest or portion thereof to such abutters as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interests of the Town, subject to the condition that the abutters acquiring the Town's interest will pay all expenses relating to the deeding of the Town's interest. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)
Mrs. Proulx asked for an explanation of this article. Mr. Sova stated that the Begin's, who own land on old route 4 across from Hammond Lumber, had inquired as to who owned the land as they would like to obtain enough land so they could have both a septic system and well on their land. The town would contact the abutters and discuss the issue with them. Further discussion was held. Mr. Proulx stated he thought it was a reasonable request and would be a nice gesture on the part of the town. Vote to accept Article 9 as read. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly exemption from the property tax in the Town as provided in RSA 72:39-b. The question to be voted on as required by RSA 72:39-b, I(c), is as follows:

"Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town of Orange, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, $15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $15,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $25,000; and own net assets not in excess of $60,000." (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) Mr. Moore inquired as to where the figures came from. Selectman Sova stated that after going over the new laws that had been passed and looking at what the town currently had on the books, they came up with these figures so that the town could maintain a status quo. Vote was held to have Article 10 stand as written. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five Orange residents, none of whom shall be Town Officers, to study the salaries of Town Officers and report their findings in the next annual Town Report, including any warrant article, if any, they deem appropriate. (RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN) Mr. Proulx stated he felt this was justified. As far as he knew it had been over a decade since a raise had been given and that they well deserved a raise. He suggested that the panel might get a comparative figures from other small towns. Vote held to have Article 11 stand as written. Passed by voice vote. Moderator Hazelton inquired if everyone had a chance to look over the Highway Report. A short break was taken.

ARTICLE 5: Moderator Hazelton reread the article. Mr. Proulx aked if there was a break down of how much of the Block Grant was spent on winter and summer maintenance. Selectman Sova stated they did not have to account for that separately since they put it into one pool as the State did not require it to be done any more. Mrs Proulx asked if the Town was anticipating buying any equipment. Selectman Sova stated that none was anticipated but that this was done every year in case something was needed. He stated they hadn't in years and spent the money on roads. Vote taken to see if Article 5 would stand as written. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Moderator Hazelton reread the article. Mr. Proulx inquired as to what equipment the town has now and to its condition. Selectman Sova stated that we have an 1985 pickup truck that needs work. It was stated we also have a rake and a culvert steamer. Further discussion was held. Vote taken to have Article 5 stand as written. Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Moderator Hazelton reread the article. Mr. Moore asked what that would mean on the tax rate. Selectman Sova stated it would be hard to determine. Further discussion. Selectman Sova stated that the biggest part of the budget was roads; everything else was pretty much set, i.e. Fast Squad, Fire Dept etc. Mr. Proulx inquired about the Public Safety Account, (911 Program). Selectman Daniels stated that the money was for the road signs for this program. Mr. Harpootlian inquired about the increase in recycling. Mrs. Daniels stated she did inquire and asked for a written breakdown from Canaan. An inquiry was made about the additional request from the Police Dept. Mrs. Daniels stated that it was due to the bill being submitted late. Mr. Moore praised the service we had from the Fast Squad. Discussion was held regarding the Highway Dept.
They stated that they were trying to just maintain and do what was needed to prevent washing out of the roads. Mr. Decato stated that the operating budget was higher as costs had gone up, last winter

lasted longer and this winter started earlier. Further discussion was held in regards to the roads. Selectman Decato questioned whether monies could be put back in the budget for the roads. A lively discussion was held regarding budgeted amounts of last year versus this year. Mr. Proulx stated he was glad the discussion was held as it gave the townspeople a better idea of what was going on. Mr. Decato inquired as to how the town felt they wanted to address the roads in town. He stated they were currently only maintaining and felt some serious work should be done in the future. Mr. Giner stated he would like the selectmen to look into setting aside a fund for the purpose of road improvement and to see if the town could get State help. Mr. Proulx stated that the town had several people that seemed to understand this issue and asked if an unofficial study committee could get together and look into the issue of road improvement. Mrs. Proulx inquired if this could be done under Article 12 and have this come back next year with a warrant article. It was stated this could be done. Bruce Ells inquired if the Planning Board could do this. Mr. Moore stated he was not sure if this was the role of the planning board. Mr. Proulx stated he felt it was time to repaint the Town House. Mrs. Daniels stated that much of the work was done by volunteers. The gas tank needs to be covered and the exit signs need to be put up. Mr. Proulx stated that the retaining wall still needs to be put in. Mr. Proulx proposed an amendment to add

$2400 to General Government Bldgs with the money to be for painting of the town hall. Motion made to increase the budget by $2400, (the budget currently at $107,898 to raising the budget from $107,898 to $110,298) This money to be used exclusively for the purpose of painting the Town House. Motion seconded. Motion was passed by voice vote. The amended article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto. Selectman Daniels commended Richard for the work that had been done this winter. Mr. Sova was also thanked for the great job he did on the Town Report. Anita Watson stated that the second town scholarship given in honor of Mary Rickson was awarded this year to Lauren Ludwig. There is currently a balance in the fund of $1,652.

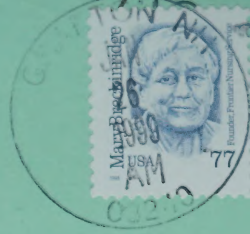
ARTICLE 13: To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant. Gary Hamel spoke on behalf of Ruth Bagley and himself. They wanted the Town to know how moved they were for the dedication and to thank everyone. Moderator Hazelton reminded everyone of the March 29 warrant informational meeting and the April 8 voting day. Mr. Giner inquired about a Trust Fund account. The selectmen stated it was for the care of a specific plot. He questioned if that money could be used to pay the Cemetery Agent. The

selectmen stated that they would look into it. Mr. Grace stated he had a letter from the State that all cemeteries needed to be fenced in. Mrs. Proulx stated that it was hoped that any fence that needed to be replaced be replaced in keeping with its historical background. Mr. Harpootlian stated that next year he hoped money to be put in a fund so when work needed to be done there would be money available. Mr. Giner inquired about the logging trucks going over posted roads. The selectmen and Mr. Decato explained what the rules were and how it was handled. Mrs. Proulx thanked the Town Clerk for her years of service to the Town. A round of applause was given. Mrs Pike was deeply moved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A True Copy Attest
Nancy A. Pike
Orange Town Clerk

Town of Orange
Orange NH 03741



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